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CHARTER
OF
THE ROYAL INSTITUTION
OF
GREAT BRITAIN.

GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. to all to whom these presents shall come greeting. Whereas several of our loving subjects are desirous of forming a *Public Institution for diffusing the knowledge, and facilitating the general introduction of useful mechanical inventions and improvements; and for teaching by courses of philosophical lectures and experiments, the application of science to the common purposes of life*; and (having subscribed considerable sums of money for that purpose) have humbly besought us to grant unto them and such others as shall be elected, as hereinafter is mentioned, our Royal Charter of incorporation for the purposes aforesaid, know ye, that we being de-

siours to promote every useful improvement in arts and manufactures for the increase of the industry and happiness of all our loving subjects, have of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, given and granted, and we do hereby give and grant, that our right trusty and well beloved cousins *George, Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham*; *George, Earl of Morton, Knight of the most ancient order of the Thistle*; *George, Earl of Egremont*; and *Frederick, Earl of Bessborough, of our Kingdom of Ireland*; our right trusty and well beloved counsellors *Thomas Pelham, and Sir Joseph Banks, Baronet, Knight of the most honourable order of the Bath*; our trusty and well beloved *Benjamin, Count of Rumford, of the holy Roman Empire*; *Sir John Cox Hippisley, Baronet*; *Richard Clark, Esq. Chamberlain of our City of London*; and *Richard Joseph Sullivan, Esq.* and such others as shall be from time to time elected in manner hereinafter directed, they, and their successors be and shall for ever hereafter be, by virtue of these presents, one body politic, by the name of the Proprietors of “THE ROYAL “INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN,” and them and their successors for the purposes aforesaid, we do hereby constitute and declare to be one body politic and corporate, and by the same name to have perpetual succession,

and for ever hereafter to be persons able and capable in the law, and have power to purchase, receive, and possess any goods and chattels whatsoever, and (notwithstanding the statute of mortmain) to purchase, hold, and enjoy to them and their successors, any lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever, not exceeding at the time or times of purchasing such lands, tenements, and hereditaments respectively, the yearly value at a rack rent of *two thousand pounds* in the whole, without incurring the penalties or forfeitures of the statutes of mortmain, or any of them. And by the name aforesaid, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all courts and pleas whatsoever of us, our heirs and successors, in all actions, suits, causes, and things whatsoever; and to act and do in all things relating to the said corporation, in as ample manner and form as any other our liege subjects, being persons able and capable in the law, or any other body politic or corporate in our kingdom of Great Britain may or can act or do. And also to have and use a common seal, and the same to change and alter from time to time as they shall think fit. And we do hereby declare and grant, that the said Institution shall be under the direction

and conduct of a Committee of Nine Managers, and one Treasurer, and one Secretary, to be hereafter elected by and from among the Proprietors of the Institution. And that the said *Frederick, Earl of Bessborough, Benjamin, Count of Rumford, and Richard Clark*, shall be Managers for three years, from the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and until other persons shall be chosen in their respective rooms; and that the said *George, Earl of Egremont, Sir Joseph Banks, and Richard Joseph Sullivan*, shall be Managers for two years, from the said first day of May, and till other persons shall be chosen in their respective rooms; and that the said *George, Earl of Morton, Thomas Pelham, and Sir John Cox Hippisley*, shall be Managers for one year, from the said first day of May, and until other persons shall be chosen in their respective rooms. And it is our further will and pleasure, that the several persons hereinbefore named as Proprietors of the said Institution, and such other persons as shall from time to time be elected Proprietors in manner hereinafter directed, shall and may elect and choose annually out of their own body a President; and that on his being so elected and chosen, such President shall become an ex-official Manager of the said Institution. And that such Pre-

sident for the time being, shall have full power from and among the Managers of the said Institution for the time being, to elect, and choose as many Vice-Presidents, as to him shall seem meet and needful for the regular holding of the several meetings. And for the purpose of forwarding the general views of the said Institution, that the said *George, Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham*, shall be the first President; and the said *George, Earl of Morton*, *George, Earl of Egremont*, and *Sir Joseph Banks*, shall be the first Vice-Presidents; and that our trusty and well beloved *Thomas Bernard, Esq.* shall be the first Treasurer; and that *Samuel Glasse, Doctor in Divinity*, shall be the first Secretary for one year from the said first day of May, and till other persons shall be chosen in their respective rooms. And we do hereby further declare and grant, that for the purpose of inspecting and examining the Institution, and the receipts and payments thereof, and reporting thereon, and also of consenting to such bye-laws as are hereinafter mentioned, there shall be a committee of nine Visitors, to be hereafter elected from among the Proprietors of the Institution; and that our right trusty and right entirely beloved cousin, *Francis, Duke of Bridgewater*, the right reverend father in God our right

trusty and well beloved *Shute, Bishop of Durham*, and our trusty and well beloved *Thomas Bernard, Esq.* shall be Visitors for three years, from the said first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and till other persons shall be chosen in their respective rooms. And that our right trusty and well beloved cousin, *Henry, Viscount Palmerston, of our kingdom of Ireland*, and our right trusty and well beloved *John, Lord Teignmouth*, of our said kingdom, and our trusty and well beloved *Rowland Burdon, Esq.* shall be Visitors for two years, from the said first day of May, and till other persons shall be chosen in their respective rooms. And that our right trusty and right well beloved cousin and counsellor *George John, Earl Spencer, Knight elect of the most noble order of the Garter*, our right trusty and well beloved *James, Lord Somerville*, and our trusty and well beloved *Samuel Thornton, Esq.* shall be Visitors for one year, from the said first day of May, and till other persons shall be chosen in their respective rooms. And we do hereby further declare and grant, that the said Managers, or any five or more of them (with the consent of the said Visitors, or any five or more of them, in writing under their hands), shall and may, according to the best of their judgment

and discretion, make and establish such bye-laws as they shall deem to be useful and necessary for the regulation of the said Institution, and of the estates, goods, and business thereof, and for fixing and determining the manner as well of electing Proprietors, and Honorary Members of the said Institution, and likewise the Managers and Visitors of the said Institution in future, as also of electing, appointing, and removing such officers, attendants, and servants as shall be deemed necessary or useful for the said Institution, and with such salaries as shall be a reasonable compensation for their duty and attendance; and such bye-laws, from time to time, to vary, alter, or revoke, and to make such new and other bye-laws as they shall think most useful and expedient, so that the same be not repugnant to these presents, or to the laws and statutes of this our realm. Provided nevertheless, and our will is, that from and after the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred, no bye-law shall be made, altered, or repealed, except by the authority of six or more of the Managers, with the consent of six or more of the Visitors, for the time being, in writing under their respective hands, and confirmed by the Proprietors at large at one of their general meetings. And we do autho-

size and empower the said Proprietors, as soon as conveniently may be, after every annual election to be made by the Proprietors of three Managers in the room of those whose time of serving shall be expired, to proceed to election from among themselves of a President, a Treasurer, and Secretary for the ensuing year, subject to such bye-laws respecting the manner and time of such election, as shall be made and established as aforesaid; and also (but subject to such bye-laws as aforesaid) to proceed to the election of a President, Treasurer, or Secretary, upon any vacancy that may happen by the death or resignation of the President, Treasurer, or Secretary. Provided that it shall be lawful (in case it shall be found expedient) by such bye-laws as aforesaid, to increase the number of Managers and Visitors of the said Institution, so nevertheless as that one-third part of the Managers, and one-third part of the Visitors be annually elected by the said Proprietors. And our further will and pleasure is, that the Managers for the time being of the said Corporation, shall cause fair and just accounts in writing to be kept of all receipts, and payments, and doings by them, their officers, and agents respectively, which shall be liable to the view and inspection of the said

Committee of Visitors, and which accounts shall on the twenty-fifth day of March, in every year, or within thirty days after, be examined, audited, and reported upon by the said Visitors, or the major part of them. And it is our further will and pleasure, at the humble suit and petition of our said loving subjects, that no Manager of the said Institution shall vote in any thing in which he has any immediate concern or interest; and that no person who is a Proprietor of the said Institution shall be capable of any place, office, or appointment under the said Institution, to which any salary, profit, or emolument is or shall be annexed. And that no such Proprietor shall be liable to any further call or demand in respect of the transactions or engagements of the said Corporation, after he shall have paid and advanced the whole of his original subscription as the qualification of a Proprietor. And we do further authorize and empower the said Committee of Managers, on such day as shall be fixed upon for their monthly meeting (but subject nevertheless to such bye-laws as aforesaid, and also to such orders as the said Managers may make for the regulation of their own proceedings, and which we do hereby authorize them to make), from time to time to elect, and choose by ballot, such persons

to be Proprietors of the Institution, as shall have been nominated by the executors or administrators of any deceased Proprietor, as hereinafter is mentioned, or shall have respectively paid, or secured to be paid to the funds of the Institution, in case of their election, the sum of Fifty Guineas, or such greater sum as shall at the time by the bye-laws of the Institution be fixed as the qualification of a proprietor. And it is our further will and pleasure, that in case any Proprietor of the said Institution shall be desirous of parting with his right and interest in the property of the said Institution, and shall in writing under his hand notify the same unto the Managers of the Institution, then and in such case, it shall be lawful for the said Managers, on such day as shall be fixed upon for their monthly meeting (but subject nevertheless to such bye-laws and orders as aforesaid), from time to time, by ballot, to elect and choose in the room of such Proprietor, such proper person as shall have been nominated by such Proprietor, or shall have paid to the said funds of the said Institution, to be paid over to such Proprietor the sum of Fifty Guineas, or such greater sum as shall at the time by the bye-laws of the Institution be fixed as the qualification of a Proprietor; and then, and in such case, the

right and interest of such Proprietor so giving notice, shall cease and determine as to him and her, and shall from thenceforth become vested in such person as shall have been so elected in his or her room as aforesaid. And it is our further will and pleasure, that, in case of the death of any Proprietor, it shall be lawful for his or her executors or administrators, by writing under the hands of such executors or administrators, to nominate a person to be admitted or balloted for as a Proprietor, in the right of the Proprietor so dying; and in case such person so to be nominated shall be a lawfully born child of such deceased Proprietor, then such person shall be admitted as a Proprietor of the said Institution, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the original Proprietor thereof: but in case such person shall be other than a lawfully born child of such deceased Proprietor, then the said Managers shall proceed to determine by ballot whether such person shall be elected a Proprietor: and in case such person shall not thereupon be elected and admitted a Proprietor by the said Committee of Managers, then there shall be paid to the executors or administrators of such deceased Proprietor, by and out of the funds of the Institution, and in full of such Proprietor's right and interest, the

sum of Fifty Guineas, or such greater sum as by such bye-laws as aforesaid shall be then fixed as the qualification of a Proprietor. And we do hereby further authorize and empower the said Committee of Managers to elect and appoint such and so many Honorary Members of the said Institution as to them shall seem meet, and with such privileges, and subject to such restrictions and regulations, as by such bye-laws as aforesaid shall be fixed and established. And we do hereby further grant that it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to give, devise, grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, demise, and convey any lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever, not exceeding the aforesaid value of two thousand pounds a year in the whole, to or for the use and benefit of the Proprietors of the said Institution, and their successors, without license of alienation in mortmain. And also that it shall and may be lawful for the Managers of the said Institution, or the major part of them, with the consent of the Visitors of the said Institution, or any five of them, in writing under their hands (but subject to any restrictions or regulations to be contained in such bye-laws as aforesaid) for a valuable consideration, to sell, grant, demise, exchange, and dispose of any lands, tene-

ments and hereditaments, belonging to the said Corporation. And moreover we will, and hereby for us, our heirs and successors, ordain, constitute and appoint, that if any abuse or difference shall hereafter happen in or concerning the government or affairs of the said Institution, or the management or conduct thereof; then, and so often we, for ourselves, our heirs and successors, authorize, constitute, and appoint the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, or Keeper of the Great Seal of Great Britain for the time being; the Lord High Treasurer, or in case of the vacancy of that office, the Chancellor of our Exchequer for the time being; the Lord President of our Privy Council for the time being, the Keeper of our Privy Seal, and our principal Secretaries of State for the time being; or any three or more of them, to reform every such abuse, and to settle and adjust every such difference. In witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the thirteenth day of January, in the fortieth year of our reign.

means and instruments, belonging to the
said Corporation, and moreover we will
and hereby for us, our heirs and successors,
ordain, constitute and appoint, that if any
abuse or difference shall hereafter happen in
or concerning the government or affairs of
the said Exhibition, or the management or
conduct thereof, then and so often as, for
ourselves, our heirs and successors, auditors,
constituted and appointed the Lord High Chan-
cellor of Great Britain, or Keeper of the
Great Seal of Great Britain for the time being,
the Lord High Treasurer, or in case of the
vacancy of that office, the Chancellor of our
Exchequer for the time being, the Lord Pri-
viseal of our Privy Council for the time being,
the Keeper of our Privy Seal, and our principal
secretaries of State for the time being, or
any three or more of them, to reform every
such abuse, and to settle and adjust every
such difference. In witness whereof we have
caused these our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourself at Westminster, the thir-
teenth day of January, in the fourth year of
our reign.

BYE-LAWS
OF
THE ROYAL INSTITUTION

OF
GREAT BRITAIN.

SECTION I.

*Of the Direction and Government of the Affairs
of the Institution.*

ARTICLE 1. ALL the affairs and concerns of the Institution, are to be directed and governed by the Committee of Managers, consisting of the President, fifteen Managers, and the Secretary, chosen by, and from among the Proprietors of the Institution; of which fifteen Managers, one third part is to be renewed, or chosen, annually.

SECTION II.

Of the Inspection and Examination of the Institution by the Visitors.

ART 1. The Institution is from time to time, once at least in six months exclusive of the annual Audit, to be inspected and

examined by the Committee of Visitors ; consisting of the President, fifteen Visitors, and the Treasurer, chosen by, and from among the Proprietors of the Institution ; of which fifteen Visitors one third part is to be renewed or chosen annually.

SECTION III.

Of the Election of the Managers, and Visitors, and other Officers, elected by the Proprietors.

ART. 1. The Election of the President, Managers, Visitors, Treasurer, and Secretary, of the Institution, is to take place annually at the House of the Institution, on the first day of May ; or, when that day falls upon a Sunday, on the next day.

SECTION IV.

Of the General Meetings of the Proprietors, and of the Mode of Proceeding in the Management of the Business of the Institution at those Meetings.

ART. 1. The general Meetings of the Proprietors shall be held at the House of the Institution ; and no general Meeting of the Pro-

prietors shall be competent for the transaction of business, unless *thirteen* or more of the Proprietors, not being of the Committee either of Managers or Visitors, be present. And in case, at any time fixed for a general Meeting of the Proprietors, there shall not be such thirteen Proprietors present, the Proprietors present may adjourn for any time, not less than seven days, giving notice therof to the other Proprietors.

ART. 2. The President of the Institution, or in case of his absence the senior Vice-President then present, shall preside at each general Meeting of the Proprietors; but when, at such Meeting, neither the President, nor any of the Vice-Presidents are present, one of the Managers shall preside; and if no Manager be present, one of the Visitors shall preside; but if no Manager or Visitor be present, in that case the Chairman of the Meeting shall be elected by and from among the Proprietors who are present.

ART. 3. The Minutes of the transactions, at every general Meeting of the Proprietors, are to be entered during the progress of the business in a book, by the Secretary; or in case of his absence, by some other person, being a proprietor, whom the President, or Chairman of the Meeting, shall name, to act in the place of the Secretary on such occasion, which Minutes, so entered, shall (if required) be signed

by the President, or Chairman of the Meeting, before the Meeting is dissolved. The said Minutes shall also be fairly copied in the Minute Book, and signed by the President or Chairman of the Meeting, and by the Secretary, or by the person officiating in his stead.

ART. 4. Whenever, at a general Meeting of the Proprietors, the votes for and against a question proposed shall, on the scrutiny, be found to be equal, in case the question does not relate to an election, the President or Chairman shall have a double vote; but if such question be a question of election, in that case it shall be decided by lot, agreeably to the Bye-Laws.

ART. 5. When the business for which a general Meeting of the Proprietors is called, cannot be finished in the course of the day on which the Meeting is held, the Meeting is to be adjourned to the following day, or to the next day proper for holding such a Meeting; and such Meetings are to continue to be held from day to day, until the business for which the Meeting was assembled shall be completed.

ART. 6. Notice of all Special General Meetings of the Proprietors is to be given in printed Letters, sent to each Proprietor by the Secretary, at least *eight days* before the Meeting;

and in this notice the objects of the Meeting are to be clearly expressed.

ART. 7. Printed notices of the Annual Meeting of the Proprietors, are to be sent by the Secretary to the Proprietors, *eight days* at least before such Meeting; together with a printed Alphabetical List of the Proprietors; in which List the public Offices of the Institution, then held by each Proprietor, shall be marked opposite his name.

ART. 8. No special general Meeting of the Proprietors shall be held, unless by order of the President,—or of the Managers,—or of the Visitors,—or in consequence of a requisition in writing, addressed to the President, or, in case of his absence, to one of the Vice-Presidents, signed by *eleven* Proprietors, and expressing fully the nature of the business intended to be brought forward at such special Meeting; in which case the President or Vice-President shall call such Meeting.

ART. 9. The Managers shall recommend to the Proprietors at their Annual Meeting, and upon any vacancies which may occur, such Persons as they shall deem most proper for election as President, Managers, and Secretary; and the Visitors shall, in like manner, recommend for election the Visitors and Treasurer.

ART. 10. No Proprietor of the Royal Institution shall be capable of holding any place, office, or appointment, under the Institution, to which any salary, profit, or emolument, is, or shall be annexed.

ART. 11. The Votes of the Proprietors, for the Election of the Officers of the Institution, shall always be given by Ballot, agreeably to the forms prescribed in the Bye-Laws: and all other business brought forward at general Meetings of the Proprietors shall be decided by Ballot, whenever a Ballot is required on any specific question by *five* or more of the Proprietors present.

ART. 12. No Bye-Law, nor the alteration or repeal of any Bye-Law, shall be proposed to the Proprietors for confirmation, unless the same shall have been approved by the Committee of Managers, at a Meeting summoned for that special purpose with eight days previous notice; and also by the Committee of Visitors, also summoned for that special purpose with eight days previous notice, and unless two thirds at least of the Members present at each of the said Committees shall have voted for the same, and the same be signed by six or more of the Committee of Managers, and six or more of the Committee of Visitors.

SECTION V.

Of the Duties and Authority of the Managers.

ART. 1. The Managers shall cause a Repository to be formed in the House of the Institution, containing, as far as they may judge expedient, models or drawings of the most useful Machines and Mechanical Inventions, which shall, from time to time, be made or discovered.

ART. 2. The Managers shall cause a complete Chemical Laboratory to be formed, and furnished with the necessary utensils and materials, in the House of the Institution; and they shall engage an able Chemist, as Professor of Chemistry, to officiate in the said Laboratory, and to read annually one or more public Courses of Chemical Lectures: and also to make, and superintend, all such particular Chemical Experiments as the Managers may, from time to time, direct to be made; and to give his assistance to all such Committees, appointed by the Managers for the purpose of scientific investigation, as may require his aid, or stand in need of the use of the Laboratory in the prosecution of their inquiries.

ART. 3. The Managers shall engage suitable persons as Professors, and Lecturers, and cause Courses of Lectures in Experimental

Philosophy, and Chemistry, and on the philosophical Principles of the Mechanic Arts and Manufactures, to be given annually, or oftener, at the Institution.

ART. 4. The Managers shall be responsible that no subjects be introduced at the Lectures, but such as are connected with the objects of the Institution.

ART. 5. The Managers are, under the restrictions mentioned in the Bye-Laws, authorized to elect and admit PROPRIETORS, and also to elect *Honorary Members*, of the Institution.

ART. 6. The Managers have power and authority to elect and admit such persons as *Subscribers* to the Institution *for Life*, or as *Annual Subscribers*, as they shall think proper; and to grant to them such privileges as are, or shall be authorized in the Bye-Laws; and also to require of them, and cause to be paid by them, for the use of the Institution, such sums of money, or such annual contributions, as a qualification, or condition of admittance, as they may, from time to time, deem to be just and proper.

ART. 7. The Managers elect and appoint the Assistant Secretaries, Professors, Lecturers, Librarians, and other Officers, and remove them when they see cause so to do; and engage and dismiss the domestic servants of the House.

ART. 8. The Managers have the direction of the House of the Institution, and make such standing Orders and Regulations, for the preservation of order and decorum therein, as they, from time to time, think proper and necessary.

ART. 9. The Managers may (if they think fit) appoint a person to act as Superintendent in the House, to preserve order and decorum therein,—to control the current expenses,—and to inspect and direct the inferior officers and servants in the discharge of their respective duties.

ART. 10. The Managers may accommodate with apartments such superior and inferior officers and attendants, as may, with advantage to the Institution, be resident in the house; but persons so accommodated shall not be permitted to bring children into the house, and lodge them therein.

ART. 11. The Managers for the time being, shall cause fair and just Accounts, and Registers, in writing, to be kept of all Receipts and Payments, and doings, by them, their Officers and Agents, respectively; and shall take care that they be annually made up to the 31st day of December in every year, and laid with the vouchers before the Committee of Visitors, on or before the 25th day of March ensuing; which Accounts

shall be examined, audited, and laid before the Proprietors for their Approbation at their Annual General Meeting, by the Committee of Visitors, or the major part of them.

ART. 12. The Annual Accounts, Books of Account, and Vouchers, shall be open to the inspection and examination of every Proprietor, from *Twelve to three o'Clock*, from the *Seventeenth* to the *Twentyfourth day of April* (Sunday excepted), and in case notice, in writing, shall be given, on or before *the Twentyfifth day of April*, by any Proprietor or Proprietors, of any Objection or Objections to such Account, and of the specific Ground on which such Objection or Objections are or is founded, such Objection or Objections shall then (but not otherwise) be taken into consideration at the next Annual General Meeting.

ART. 13. The Managers have power to admit to the Lectures, and to the Repository of the Institution, and also to the Subscribers Rooms, the Ambassadors, Envoys, and Ministers, of foreign Princes and States, resident at the Court of His Majesty the King, our most Gracious Sovereign, and also other Foreigners of high Rank, or of distinguished Scientific Acquirements, who may occasionally visit this Country, during their temporary Residence in this Metropolis.

SECTION VI.

Of the Meetings of the Managers, and of the Mode of Proceeding at those Meetings.

ART. 1. The Meetings of the Managers shall be held in the House of the Institution; and no Meetings shall be competent for the transaction of business, unless *three* or more Members be present: and in case, at any time fixed for a Meeting of the Managers, there shall be only one Member, or only two Members present, such Member, or two Members may (if he or they shall think fit) adjourn the Meeting for any time, so as Notice of such adjournment be sent to the other Members of the Committee of Managers, at least two days previous to such adjourned Meeting.

ART. 2. The monthly Meetings of the Managers for the dispatch of business, shall, agreeably to the directions of the Charter, be held on the first Monday of every month, precisely *at one o'Clock*, P. M.

ART 3. Special Meetings of the Managers may be called and held, as often as the President, or in his absence a Vice-President, shall deem such Meeting to be necessary; or as often as any *three* of the Managers, by a writing under their hands, shall express to the President,

or in his absence to one of the Vice-Presidents, their request that such Meeting should be called and held.

ART. 4. Whenever a special Meeting of the Managers shall be called, the object or objects of the Meeting shall be mentioned in the printed or written notice; which, in such cases is always to be sent to the Members of the Committee of Managers, at least *two days* previous to the Meeting.

ART. 5. The President presides at all Meetings of the Managers; and, in case of his absence, the eldest of the Vice-Presidents; and if neither shall be present, one of the Managers shall take the chair.

ART. 6. When, in deciding upon any question by the Managers, at one of their Meetings, the voices, for and against the question proposed, shall be equal, the decision of the question shall be postponed to the next Meeting.

ART. 7. The Managers may make such regulations, respecting the mode of transacting their business, or that of any Committee appointed by them, as they shall think necessary or useful; and repeal, or alter such regulations by them made, as often as they shall find cause so to do; provided such regulations be not repugnant to the Charter, nor to the Bye-Laws, of the Institution.

SECTION VII.

Of the Election of Proprietors of the Institution.

ART. 1. The number of the Proprietors of the Institution shall be limited to Four Hundred; and, for all new elected Proprietors, the qualification shall be One Hundred Guineas.

ART. 2. Every Candidate for Election as a Proprietor, must be proposed by a Manager, at one of the Monthly Meetings of the Managers, and at the next monthly Meeting the ballot for the Election shall take place.

ART. 3. The Election of Proprietors by the Managers shall be by *Ballot*; and no person can be elected unless *two thirds* at least, of the votes of the Managers present at the Meeting, are in favour of his admission.

ART. 4. Every Proprietor is entitled to his Certificate being delivered to him without any further Expense, together with his Tickets of Admission, and a book of the Bye-Laws.

SECTION VIII.

Of the Rights and Privileges of the Proprietors of the Institution.

ART. 1. The whole of the Property of the Institution is vested solely in the Proprietors; and no Sale, Mortgage, Incumbrance, or other Disposition, of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments belonging to the Corporation, whether Freehold or Leasehold, or of any Stock or Money of the Corporation which shall be permanently invested in the public funds, shall be made, except with the approbation and concurrence of a general Meeting of the Proprietors, summoned with *eight days* previous Notice, for that express purpose.

ART. 2. The Proprietors, together with the Subscribers, and Honorary Members of the Institution, have a Right of Admission to all the Public Lectures and Experiments, and to the Repository, Laboratory, and Workshops, and have the sole and exclusive use of *the Subscribers Rooms* in the House of the Institution, where the foreign and domestic literary and scientific Journals, and other periodical scientific Publications, are regularly to be taken in, and lie on the table for the use of those who frequent the Rooms.

ART. 3. The Proprietors have a right of personal Admission to all the public parts of the Institution; and shall each have one transferable Ticket, which shall be annually renewed, and shall admit the bearer to the Lectures and Public Experiments, and to the Repository; but not to the Subscribers Rooms.

ART. 4. Every Proprietor may exchange for any limited time, not less than one year, his transferable Ticket, and receive in lieu thereof from the Managers, one other Ticket, not transferable; which Ticket will admit the person whose name it shall bear, to the privileges of an Annual Subscriber; provided the person, named by such Proprietor to hold such Ticket, be approved at a Meeting of the Managers. A Proprietor may, in like manner, for a time limited, not less than one year, and under the condition above mentioned, exchange his own right of personal Admission for one other Ticket, not transferable; which Ticket will admit the person whose name it shall bear, to the privileges of an Annual Subscriber; but a Proprietor, so exchanging for a limited time, his right of Admission for such Ticket, shall, during that time, be considered as having waved his personal right of Admission, except as to being present, and voting at all general Meetings of the Proprietors.

ART. 5. The Proprietors have a right to make, or cause to be made, at their own ex-

pense, Drawings or Models of any of the Machines, or Instruments, in the Repository of the Institution, under such regulations, regarding the price, as shall, from time to time, be made by the Managers.

SECTION IX.

Of Honorary Members of the Institution, their Election and Privileges.

ART. 1. No person who is a Subject of His Majesty, our most Gracious Sovereign, except of the Blood Royal, can be elected an Honorary Member of the Royal Institution of Great Britain.

ART. 2. No Foreigner can be elected an Honorary Member of the Institution, except he be a Sovereign Prince, or the Ambassador or Minister of a Sovereign Prince, or Foreign State, resident at the Court of His Majesty, our most Gracious Lord the King, Patron of the Institution; or except he be, a man eminently distinguished for his knowledge in Science, or in some particular branch of Science, or in some useful Art.

ART. 3. Every Person proposed for Election as an Honorary Member of the Institution,—Persons of the Blood Royal, and Sovereign

Princes only excepted,—must be recommended by *three*, at least, of the Managers, and must be proposed at one monthly Meeting of the Managers, and balloted for at the next; and in order to his being elected, *two thirds*, at least, of the Managers, present, must vote in his favour.

ART. 4. When any person is elected an Honorary Member of the Institution, a Letter shall be sent him, announcing his election, accompanied by a copy of the Charter and Bye-Laws of the Institution.

SECTION. X.

Of the Election and Admission of Subscribers for Life, and Annual Subscribers.

ART. 1. A Candidate for Election as a *Life Subscriber*, or as an *Annual Subscriber*, must be proposed by a Manager, at a Meeting of the Managers, and the name of the Candidate must then be entered in the List of Candidates: and at the first Meeting of the Managers that shall be held after the expiration of *six days* from the time when the name of the Candidate was entered on the List of Candidates, the question of admission shall be moved, and a decision thereon taken.

ART. 2. Ladies are admissible as Subscribers for Life, and as Annual Subscribers, on the recommendation of the Ladies who have been, or may in future be, intrusted by the Managers to hold books for the insertion of the names of such respectable persons of the female sex, as they may judge eligible to be admitted as Subscribers.

SECTION XI.

Of the Causes and Form of Ejection from the Institution.

ART. 1. Any person being a Subscriber to the Institution, who shall, contemptuously, or contumaciously, disobey and transgress the Laws and Regulations of the Institution; or shall, by speaking, writing, or printing, or in any other manner, publicly defame the Institution, or advisedly, maliciously, or dishonestly, do any thing to the damage, detriment, or dishonour thereof, shall be ejected therefrom.

ART. 2. No Subscriber is permitted, nor in future shall be permitted, to announce to the public, by an inscription on any part of the house or shop which he occupies, or to publish in any advertisement, either printed or written, that he is a Subscriber to the Institution: and all persons so offending against this regulation,

shall be proceeded against as transgressors of the Bye-Laws, and ejected from the Institution.

ART. 3. When either the Committee of Visitors, or the President of the Institution, shall see cause for the ejection of any Subscriber to the Institution, the President shall move the question of ejection at one of the monthly Meetings of the Managers; and, at the next monthly Meeting, the said question shall be decided by ballot; and if *two thirds* or more of the Managers present vote for the ejection; and if this decision be confirmed at the next monthly Meeting of the Managers by a *majority* of votes, the ejection shall take place.

ART. 4. When a Subscriber is ejected, his name shall be struck out of the List of Subscribers, at a Meeting of the Managers, and an entry be made in the Minutes of the Meeting.

SECTION XII.

Of the Rights and Privileges of the Subscribers for Life, and of Annual Subscribers.

ART. 1. *Subscribers for Life, and Annual Subscribers* to the Institution, have free admission into the House at all times (Sundays, Christmas day, Good Friday, and days appointed for Fasts and Thanksgiving excepted); at

all hours, from *Nine o'Clock in the Morning*, until *Eleven o'Clock at Night*;—and together with the Proprietors and Honorary Members, have the free and exclusive use of the Subscribers Rooms; and free admission into the Repository, the Library of the Institution, and to all public Lectures and Experiments.

ART. 2. Subscribers to particular Courses of Lectures and Experiments, shall be admitted thereto upon the Terms from time to time fixed by the Managers.

SECTION XIII.

Of the Admission of Persons with Transferable Tickets of Proprietors.

ART. 1. Bearers of transferable Tickets of Proprietors, shall be admitted to the public Lectures and Experiments, and have admission to the Repository; but not to the Library, or Subscribers Rooms.

SECTION XIV.

Of the Occasional Admission of Persons not Proprietors nor Subscribers.

ART. 1. In case the local accommodation of the Institution shall be sufficient to

admit strangers without inconvenience to the Proprietors and Subscribers, the Managers may grant permission for the admission of persons, not Proprietors or Subscribers, to the Repository, Lectures, and Experiments, under such conditions as shall be judged proper : but strangers are not to be admitted into the Subscribers Rooms.

SECTION XV.

Of the Meetings of the Visitors, and of the Mode of Proceeding at those Meetings.

ART 1. The Meetings of the Visitors shall be held in the House of the Institution ; and no Meeting shall be competent for the transaction of business, unless *three* or more Members be present ; and in case, at any time fixed for a Meeting of the Visitors, there shall be only one Member, or only two Members, present, such Member, or two Members, may (if he or they shall think fit) adjourn the Meeting for any time, so as notice of such adjournment be sent to the other Members of the Committee of Visitors at least two days previous to the day fixed for such adjourned Meeting.

ART. 2. The monthly Meetings of the Visitors shall be held on the first Wednesday of every Month, precisely at One o'Clock, P. M.

ART. 3. Special Meetings of the Visitors may be called and held, as often as any three of the Visitors, by writing under their hands, shall express to the President their request that such Meeting should be called and held.

ART. 4. Whenever a special Meeting of the Visitors shall be called, the object or objects of the Meeting shall be mentioned in the printed or written notice, which, in such cases, is always to be sent to the Members of the Committee of Visitors, at least two days previous to the Meeting.

ART. 5. The Visitors shall elect from their own Members a Secretary, who shall take Minutes of their Proceedings, and direct the same to be fairly entered ; and shall also direct summonses to be sent, and do such other business as appertains to the duty of Secretary.

ART. 6. When, in deciding upon any question by the Visitors at one of their Meetings, the voices for and against the question proposed shall be equal, the decision of the question shall be postponed to the next Meeting.

ART. 7. The Visitors may make such Regulations respecting the mode of transacting their business, or that of any Committee appointed by them, as they shall think necessary or useful ; and repeal or alter such Regulations by

them made as often as they shall find cause so to do; provided such Regulations be not repugnant to the Charter, nor to the Bye-Laws of the Institution.

SECTION XVI.

Of the Appointment and Duties of the Treasurer.

ART. 1. The Treasurer is elected annually from among the Proprietors. He is a Member of the Committee of Visitors, and his appointment is honorary, and without Salary or Emolument.

ART. 2. He is not to keep any money belonging to the Corporation in his hands, but the whole of it is to remain in the hands of the several Bankers of the Institution, appointed by the Managers; and all Subscriptions and Payments are to be entered in the Bankers Books, under his direction.

ART. 3. He is to order payment to be made of such Draughts as shall be made on him by the Committee of Managers, as also of such Bills, and other Disbursements, as they shall specially direct to be paid by him.

ART. 4. He shall enter into a Bond, with two Sureties to be approved of by the Managers, in the sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*,

on condition that he duly account for, pay, and apply, all such sums of money, or other property and effects, belonging to the Institution, as shall come into his hands, as Treasurer of the Corporation.

ART. 5. He shall make up his Accounts to the *Thirty first day of December*, in every year, and lay them before the Managers, annually, at their first Meeting in the month of February following, in order to their being audited by them, and prepared for the annual inspection and audit of the Visitors.

SECTION XVII.

Of the Appointment and Duties of the Secretary.

ART. 1. The Secretary is elected annually from among the Proprietors. He is a Member of the Committee of Managers, and his appointment is honorary, and without Salary or Emolument.

ART. 2. He attends the general Meetings of the Proprietors, and the Meetings of the Managers. He is to take down in writing, and enter, or cause to be entered, in the Minute Books, the Minutes of the Proceedings of such Meetings; and to give Instructions to the Secretary of Foreign Correspondence; and Directions to the Assistant Secretaries and Clerks, in every

thing relating to the business of his office. He is to see that notice be given in due form of the General Meetings of the Proprietors; and to give his directions to the Clerk to notify the Meetings of the Managers.

ART. 3. He is to superintend the foreign and domestic Correspondence; and to do such other acts and deeds, in his official capacity, as are or shall be specially directed by the Bye-Laws, and Regulations.

ART. 4. The Minute Books,—and in general all written Documents and Papers belonging to the Corporation, and relating to the business and correspondence thereof, are under the care and direction of the Secretary.

SECTION XVIII.

Of Occasional Lectures and Experiments.

ART. 1. As men of eminence in Science may be disposed to give occasional Lectures on particular branches of Science; or to exhibit new and interesting Experiments at the Institution; the Managers are authorized to cause or permit, such occasional Scientific Lectures to be given, or Experiments to be made, as often as it can be done without interfering with the ordinary Lectures of the Institution.

ART. 2. Whenever an occasional Lecture is to be given, or a new Experiment to be publicly made at the Institution, timely notice thereof shall be given to the Proprietors and Subscribers.

SECTION XIX.

Of the Committees to be appointed for the Purpose of Scientific Investigations.

ART. 1. The Managers have power to appoint as many Committees as they shall think useful, for the purpose of *scientific and experimental Investigations*, and to admit as Members of such Committees, any persons whether Proprietors, Subscribers, or not; and to allow such Committees to hold their Meetings at the House of the Institution. A Chairman, and Deputy Chairman are in all cases to be nominated to each Committee so appointed, and instructions given them by the Managers.

ART. 2. The Managers,—the Visitors,—the Treasurer,—and the Secretary of the Institution have a right to attend all such Committees whenever they think proper.

ART. 3. These Committees are occasionally to report their progress to the Managers;

and the results of their Investigations shall, as often as they shall be found interesting and useful, be communicated to the Public in the Journals of the Institution.

SECTION XX.

Of the Common Seal, and of Deeds.

ART. 1. The Common Seal of the Institution shall be kept in an Iron Chest, having *two* Locks, with *four* Keys; and these Keys shall be kept,—one by the President, or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents,—one by a Manager appointed by the Committee of Managers to that trust,—one by the Treasurer,—and the other by the Secretary.

ART. 2. When any person holding one of the beforementioned Keys leaves his Residence in the Metropolis for a longer period than *fourteen days*, he shall deliver his Key into the keeping of some one of the Managers, at his option, who remains in town, and inform the Secretary of his having done so: Provided always that the Manager so named, has not in his custody either of the remaining three Keys.

ART. 3. Whenever the Common Seal of the Corporation is to be affixed to any

Deed or Writing, notice thereof shall be sent to each of the Managers at least two days previous to the completion of such business; in which notice the nature of the Deed or Writing shall be fully explained: and all such Deeds and Writings shall be passed and sealed at a Meeting of the Managers and countersigned by the President or Chairman, by the majority of the Managers present, and by the Secretary; and an account of the proceeding shall be entered in the Minutes of the Meeting.

SECTION XXI.

Of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Institution.

ART. 1. One moiety of the amount of the sums subscribed and paid by the Proprietors of the Institution, as their qualifications at their admission, shall be vested in the Public Funds,—or in other Parliamentary Securities,—in real Securities,—or in the purchase of freehold or leasehold Property,—in order to form a Fund for the future maintenance of the Institution; no monies, whatever, belonging to the Institution are to be vested in real Securities, or in the purchase of freehold or leasehold Property, without the consent of the Proprietors, obtained at a general Meeting.

ART. 2. The Rents, Revenues, and annual Income of the Institution are to be laid out and employed by the Managers for the following purposes, namely,

First, In paying the Rents and Taxes, and defraying the expenses of the necessary repairs and alterations of the buildings belonging to the Institution.

Secondly, In the payment of the Salaries and Wages of the persons necessarily employed, and in defraying the incidental Expenses of the House and Establishment.

Thirdly, In the purchase of Philosophical Apparatus for the use of the Lectures, and of Newspapers, foreign and domestic Journals, and other scientific Publications, for the use of the Libraries and Reading Rooms.

Fourthly, The surplus or residue of such Rents, Revenues and Income, shall be annually applied as follows: a sum not exceeding one third part thereof, in the constructing and purchasing of useful Models and Machinery for the Repository; a sum not exceeding one other third part, in additions to and improvements in the Library and Collection of Books of Reference; and the remainder shall be annually invested in the public funds, in the name of the Corporation, as a provision for the permanency and stability of the Institution.

ART. 3. All monies, not permanently invested, and not wanted for defraying the current and probable expenses of the Institution,

shall, from time to time, be vested by the Managers in floating public Securities, to be disposed of when the produce shall be wanted.

ART. 4. No monies, nor any other property of value, belonging to the Institution, shall be given or disposed of by the Managers, or by any other person or persons as *presents*, or as occasional and special rewards or *gratuities* for good behaviour, to any persons employed with salaries or wages, in the service of the Institution.

ART. 5. No monies, nor any other property of value, belonging to the Institution, shall be given or disposed of by the Managers, or by any other person or persons, as *presents* or *rewards* to the authors of ingenious inventions, discoveries, or improvements.

SECTION XXII.

Of the Mode of Proceeding at Elections of the President, Managers, Visitors, and Officers of the Institution.

ART. 1. On the day of the annual Election, the President, or Chairman, shall take the Chair precisely at *one of the Clock, P.M.*; and a balloting glass having been provided and placed

before the chair, and a sufficient number of printed Balloting Lists (according to the annexed form A, *) having been prepared, the balloting glass shall remain open for receiving Lists until *four of the Clock, P. M.*; at which time the Ballot shall be closed. Three Scrutineers shall, previous to the commencement of the Ballot, be appointed by the Chairman of the Meeting to examine the Lists, and declare the result of the Ballot.

ART. 2. When a Proprietor who receives a Balloting List does not approve of the persons therein named, but is desirous of giving his Vote for some other person or persons, he will strike his pen across the printed name or names of such person or persons of whom he disapproves, and will write over against such printed name or names, on the blank side left for that purpose, the name or names of such other person or persons for whom he is desirous to give his vote.

ART. 3. Each Proprietor who votes at an Election shall deliver his Balloting List, folded up, to the President or Chairman, who shall, in his presence, immediately put it into the balloting glass; and the name of each Proprietor who so delivers in his List, shall be marked

* See Appendix (A).

on a printed List of the Proprietors, by the Secretary, or by the person officiating in his stead, who shall be seated near the chair, in order to be at hand to perform this service.

ART. 4. When the Ballot is closed, one of the Scrutineers shall open and read aloud each List deposited in the balloting glass, and file it, while the other Scrutineers shall mark the names; and when all the Lists shall be drawn and read, the Scrutineers shall cast up the number of the votes for each person, and report the same to the Chair; when the President or Chairman shall declare those who have the majority of votes to be the persons elected to the respective offices.

ART. 5. When, at the Election of the President, or of any Manager, Visitor, or Officer of the Institution, the suffrages in favour of two or more Candidates are equal, the Election shall be decided by lots, which lots shall be prepared by the Scrutineers, and drawn by the Chairman of the Meeting.

ART. 6. When a special general Meeting of the Proprietors is called for the Purpose of filling up the occasional vacancies that happen in the Committee of Managers, or in the Committee of Visitors, or among the Officers of the Institution, in consequence of Deaths, or

Resignations, the proceedings at such Elections shall, as far as the circumstances will permit, be conducted conformably to the mode herein before prescribed.

ART. 7. If at a Meeting of the Proprietors any question shall arise during the course of an Election, respecting the Forms thereof, such question shall be decided by the Proprietors present.

SECTION XXIII.

Of the Library and Collection of Books of Reference, and of the Privileges of the Patrons thereof.

ART. 1. The Library and Collection of Books of Reference shall be vested in the Corporation, and be, and remain, under the same Direction and Government as the other parts of the Institution; subject only to such Privileges (to be enjoyed by those Proprietors who shall think fit to qualify themselves as Patrons of the Library and Collection) as are hereinafter mentioned, or may be hereafter conceded by the Bye-Laws of the Institution.

ART. 2. Proprietors subscribing to the Library and Collection one Hundred Pounds, or upwards, shall be Hereditary Patrons of the Library and Collection.

ART. 3. Proprietors subscribing Fifty Pounds, or upwards, not amounting to one Hundred Pounds, shall be Patrons for Life.

ART. 4. Subscribers of lesser Sums (when their united Subscriptions amount to Sixty Guineas, or upwards) may, by writing, appoint of their own number, any one, being a Proprietor, a Patron for Life.

ART. 5. The application of the Subscriptions, in providing and fitting up the Library and Collection, shall be under the Direction of the Patrons.

ART. 6. The Subscription, for the Proprietors who shall think fit to qualify themselves as Patrons, shall be open to all the Proprietors until the 4th of June, 1803; and on Monday, the 6th of June, 1803, a Meeting of the Subscribers to the Library and Collection shall be held at the House of the Institution, at one o'Clock, precisely, in order to consider of the future limitation of the number of Patrons.

ART. 7. The Library in the Reading Room of the Institution shall be immediately furnished with Books, for the general use of the Proprietors and Subscribers.

ART. 8. The Collection of Books of Reference shall be open four days in the week,

from twelve to four o'Clock, for the Proprietors and Subscribers; and also for scientific or literary Persons, of this, or any other Country, introduced or recommended by the Patrons; each Patron having a power to introduce or recommend one such person each day.

ART. 9. In case it shall be found inconvenient that the persons introduced, or recommended, by the Patrons, should attend on the same days as the Proprietors and Subscribers, a division of days shall be made, so that the Proprietors and Subscribers may have the power of referring to the Collection two or three days in a week; and the Patrons, and the persons introduced or recommended by them, an equal number of days each week; but the Library shall, at all times, continue open for the Proprietors and Subscribers of the Institution.

ART. 10. No person shall take down any of the Books of the Collection; but a note or card thereof must be given, with his name, to the Librarian, or one of the Attendants, who shall immediately supply him with the Book required.

ART. 11. No person shall be capable of exercising his right as a Patron, except during such time as he shall continue, and be, in exercise of his rights as a Proprietor.

ART. 12. The Patrons shall make Rules for the direction of their mode of proceeding; and in case of the death of any of the Patrons for Life, the surviving Patrons may elect, from among the Proprietors, in his room, a Life Patron, who shall have previously paid, or secured to be paid, the sum of fifty pounds, or upwards, to the funds, for the support and increase of the Collection; which money shall be forthwith applied accordingly, under the direction of the Patrons.

ART. 13. As soon as the Library and Collection are completed and arranged, a Catalogue thereof shall be printed and published, for the use of the Proprietors, Subscribers, and others; and a Copy sent to each of the Proprietors.

APPENDIX.

(A) FORM OF A BALLOTING LIST.

A List of the Persons recommended by the Managers and the Visitors of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, to fill up the Vacancies that will happen in the Offices of the Institution, and in their respective Bodies, at the Election of.

<u>PRESIDENT.</u>	<u>PRESIDENT.</u>
A. B.	
<u>MANAGERS.</u>	<u>MANAGERS.</u>
C. D.	
E. F.	
G. H.	
I. K.	
L. M.	
<u>VISITORS.</u>	<u>VISITORS.</u>
N. O.	
P. Q.	
R. S.	
T. U.	
V. W.	
<u>TREASURER.</u>	<u>TREASURER.</u>
X. Y.	
<u>SECRETARY.</u>	<u>SECRETARY.</u>
Z. A.	

Any Proprietor who disapproves of any of the Names recommended above, is requested to strike out with his pen such Names as he does not approve, and to write opposite to each Name so struck out, the Name of the Person for whom he chooses to give his vote.

APPENDIX.

(A) FORM OF A ROLLING LIST.

and the names of the persons recommended by the Managers, and the names of the persons who have been elected, to fill up the vacancies that will happen in the Office of the Institution, and in their respective Bodies, at the Election of

PRESIDENT.	PRESIDENT.
A. H.	A. H.
MANAGER.	MANAGER.
C. D.	C. D.
E. F.	E. F.
G. H.	G. H.
I. K.	I. K.
J. L.	J. L.
SECRETARY.	SECRETARY.
M. N.	M. N.
O. P.	O. P.
R. S.	R. S.
T. U.	T. U.
V. W.	V. W.
TREASURER.	TREASURER.
X. Y.	X. Y.
SECRETARY.	SECRETARY.
Z. A.	Z. A.

Any Proprietor who disapproves of any of the Names recommended above, is requested to strike out with his pen such Names as he does not approve, and to write opposite to each Name so struck out, the Name of the Person for whom he chooses to give his vote.

PATRON.

His Sacred Majesty
King GEORGE III.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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REPORT OF THE VISITORS,

TO THE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROPRIETORS

IN MAY, 1803.

IN the execution of their annual duty, the Visitors submit to the meeting of the Proprietors, the following Report, with the account of the receipts and expenditure of the Institution, balanced, and examined with the vouchers, up to the 31st day of December, 1802: for the correct statement of which, the Institution is very much indebted to the extraordinary exertion and attention of the Treasurer, LORD KINNAIRD.—The shortness of the time hitherto allowed by the Bye-Laws, and the recent press of business at the Institution, have rendered it impracticable that these accounts should have been laid in the office, in time for the inspection of the Proprietors. In order to obviate, as far as may be, this inconvenience, the Visitors have requested the nine Proprietors, who lately composed the Select Committee, to assist them in the examination of the accounts and vouchers; and they ex-

press themselves to be under the greatest obligations to those gentlemen who have attended, for their ready compliance with their request, and for the time and attention which they have devoted to this material object.

Under the peculiar circumstances of the present account, the Visitors feel it to be a part of their duty, to notice those articles of expenditure, which may seem to require explanation or observation. But, before they enter upon that part of the Report, they beg leave to state the result of their inquiry, as to the *balance of Debts and Credits* on the 31st of December, 1802.—In the Report of the preceding year, the credits of the Corporation were stated at L.8100, and the debts at L.3900; leaving a balance of L.4200 in favour of the Institution.—It appears that there was due to the Institution, on the 31st of December last, for arrears of subscriptions, and for rents, &c. L.4593; and that the Debts, then remaining due from the Institution, were L.2215; leaving a balance in favour of the Corporation, of L.2378. This was less than the balance stated in the Report of May last, by L.1822. The difference, however, is partly (to the amount of L.882) to be accounted for by the circumstance of the Managers having conceived themselves bound, by the Bye-Laws of the Institution, to withdraw from the lists the names of 11 Proprietors, and of 19 Life Subscribers, on account of their not having paid their subscriptions, within the time limited by the Bye-Laws; and partly by the building, and other expenses having continued during

the period from May to December, when the receipt of subscriptions was in some measure suspended.

Upon the first Article of expenditure stated in the account (that of L.4850 for the *Purchase of the House* with the two adjoining Houses held under it), and upon the charge of L.583 18s. for the *Charter and Law Expenses*, and of L.101 14s. 6d. for the *Arms and Armorial Bearings* of the Institution, they presume no observation will be necessary.—The next article of the account is considerable, being L.8609 19s. 8d. for the *Buildings and Repairs*. This, upon investigation, the Visitors find to comprize several articles, which they think it proper to observe upon separately.—Of these articles, the largest, and most essential, is that of L.5227; which includes the expense of building and completing the *Lecture Room*, with the Passages and Staircases belonging to it; and the *Repository, Laboratory, and Workshop*; occupying together a square of 64 feet 6 inches, by 48 feet 10 inches, and 60 feet high.—The sum, originally named for this purpose, was L.7000. The whole however, has been completed for L.5227, near L.1800 less than was expected; and it has been completed (as the Visitors conceive) in a manner, and with a degree of attention and economy, very creditable to those who undertook the care and direction of it. Of the remaining sum of L.3382 19s. 8d. there had then been paid the sum of L.540, in respect of the new apartments in the *Attic Floor*. Apartments, which will now be

come necessary for the accommodation of the persons resident in the House, on account of the space which will be required for the new Collection of Books of Reference.—Of the total of L.8609 19s. 8d. for buildings, there, remains, therefore, the sum of L.2842 19s. 8d. to be accounted for. This (with the addition of L.161 15s. 2½d. part of the debts then due) includes the expense of fitting up the small Lecture Room, the building of the Sheds and other erections in the yard, the fitting up of the Kitchen, the building of the Committee Rooms, and other additions, the different alterations and incidental repairs of the House, the finishing of the front, and all the Painters, Glaziers, Plumbers, Carpenters, and Masons work, not comprized in the original contract for the Lecture Room, &c. or in that for the Attic Floor.

The next charge in the account, is that of L.1555 12s. 5d. for *Furniture*: and the Visitors are not aware, that any very material saving could have been made in this respect. The charge includes L.268 for the Cushions and Furniture of the Lecture Room; L.270 for Ironmongery, including the Steam Apparatus for warming the Lecture Room: and about L.400 for Carpets, Floorcloths, Lamps, Curtains, Chairs, and Tables.—What has been paid for the *Philosophical Apparatus and Chemicals*, being L.1119 16s. 7½d. for *Books, Bookbinding, &c.* being L.613; and for fitting up the Printing Office, and other charges belonging to it, being L.982 (part of which, L.91, has been already repaid) appear to the Visitors, to

be expenses moderate, and peculiarly appropriate to the Royal Institution.—Upon the next article of L.1181 14s. 5d. for fitting up and furnishing the *Workshops*, and for expenses incidental to the use of them; it is to be observed, that a part of this expense ought regularly to be charged to the Apparatus. Some loss, however, will probably be incurred upon this article of expenditure; as that part of the arrangement seems to be, in a great measure, given up. The loss, however, it is hoped, will be inconsiderable; as, by a Plan recently brought forward by a very scientific Member of the Committee of Managers, it is proposed to form, for the use of the Proprietors, and for the benefit of the Institution, in these and the adjoining rooms, the establishment of a very extensive and useful *Laboratory*; upon a scale of magnitude, and with a degree of advantage, that are not likely to be equalled in any part of his Majesty's dominions.

Upon the next article of L.300 2s. 6d. for *Ground Rent*, it may be enough to observe, that it is not to be considered properly as an outgoing, as L.244 a large part of it has been since repaid by the under tenants of the Corporation.—The next charge of L.488 4s. 9d. for *Taxes*, is an unavoidable expense; and will continue so, until, by the public and general utility of the Royal Institution, it shall be made apparent, that it is entitled to exemption from this general burden.

The consideration of the three next articles (as indeed of the two preceding, and in some degree of the others) will, in a great measure, be

governed by the period of time, for which the expenditure has been incurred. These three sums are L.2362 19s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for *Salaries and Wages*; L.833 6s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for *annual Expenses*; and L.462 1s. 2d. for *miscellaneous Expenses*.—The first article it may be proper to divide into two parts; that which has been paid to Professors and Lecturers, for their Salaries, being L.1145; and the remaining sum of L.1217 19s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. paid for other Salaries and Wages.—It will also be necessary to ascertain for what period these, and the other two articles, are charged.—The Rooms at the Royal Institution were not opened, nor were the Lectures begun, until March 1800; but many of the incidental expenses of the Institution, and of the local establishment, must be carried back to June 1799, when the Proprietors took possession of the House; and some even to the commencement of that year, including to the 31st of December, 1802, a period of near *four years*. Taking it, however, *at three years* it will appear that the *average annual expense* of the Institution, to the close of the preceding year, has amounted to very little more than L.1100; the particulars thereof being as follows:—for the *Salaries of Professors and Lecturers* L.381 13s. 4d. per annum; for that of *Clerks, Assistants, Attendants, and Servants* L.406 per annum;—for *current annual Expenses* L.277 15s. per annum;—and for *miscellaneous Expenses* (after deducting L.252 11s. 2d. returned for overpayments by Mr Lar-kins and others, and *not properly belonging* to an account of *expenditure*) L.66 10s. per annum:

or a total on all these Salaries, and annual and other Expenses, of L.1119 12s. 1d. a year.

The Visitors proceed to state to the Proprietors the explanation, which to them has appeared satisfactory, with regard to the circumstance of *that moiety of the Proprietors Subscriptions*, which by the Bye-Laws is directed to be *permanently invested*, having been almost wholly exhausted, in completing the establishment of the Institution.—The total, subscribed and paid by the Proprietors, amounted, on the 31st of December, 1802, to L.19018 15s; the moiety of which is L.9509 7s. 6d.—The purchase of the House of the Institution, with the two Houses annexed to it, and now held by lease under the Corporation, cost L.4850; and being made with the consent and approbation of the Proprietors, came strictly within the Bye-Law, respecting the investment of the permanent funds of the Institution. There will, therefore, remain L.4659 7s. 6d. of permanent fund to be accounted for. At their general meeting, in February 1800, the Proprietors authorized the borrowing and applying of L.7000, the estimated expense of building the intended Lecture Room; and in May 1802, they sanctioned the addition of the Attic Story, at the expense of L.1080.—This carried with it a power of borrowing on the security of the Premises, or of applying out of the permanent funds of the Institution, the sum of L.7000, if not L.8080: and it appears to the Visitors, that the Managers have done, what is *essentially more beneficial to*

the Institution, by applying for these buildings part of the L.4659 7s. 6d. of the permanent fund not applied, then they would have done by exactly following their authority, and by incurring a mortgage of L.7000, or of any lesser sum required for the Lecture Room, &c. and continuing at the same time the investment of the moiety of the Proprietors Subscriptions, in conformity to the Bye-Law.

Upon the whole, the Visitors have the pleasure of stating to the Annual Meeting, that in the examination of the *expenditure* incurred in a concern of so great magnitude, under some peculiar circumstances and difficulties, and during a period of near four years, they have found the whole of the Accounts correctly stated, verified, and balanced, except as to a small deficit of L.47 14s. 10½d. entered as such by mistake, the vouchers for which having been actually produced:—and they conceive there is nothing that merits censure, and much that deserves approbation.—They, therefore, proceed to report the present *State and Progress* of the Institution.—In the supply of useful *Models*, one of its original and most important objects, very little advance is as yet made. A Report of Progress in this respect may, it is hoped, be ready for the next annual meeting.—As to another object, the *Lectures*, a more gratifying statement may be laid before the Proprietors; and there is reason to expect, however interesting and useful they may at present be, that the interest and utility of this part of the es-

tablishment, will, by the public experiments to be connected with them, and by the proposed arrangement of the laboratory, be considerably augmented in the course of the ensuing season.—

With regard to the *Laboratory*, the Visitors cannot express too strongly their approbation of the plan, which has been suggested with respect to it; a plan which promises to increase the scope and utility of it, and at the same time very much to diminish, if not eventually provide for, the expense of that part of the Institution.—Of the *Library and proposed Collection of Books of Reference*, the Visitors have to observe, that if the subscription (which has been opened with success, and which amounts at present to near L.4000) shall, as is hoped, be extended to double that sum, a literary establishment may be thereby formed, honourable to the British nation, favourable to science, advantageous to the pursuits of scientific men, and very conducive to the increase of the funds, and of the utility, prosperity, and permanency, of the Institution.

Upon a general view of the subject, the Visitors do express their satisfaction, that THE FABRIC OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION IS NOW COMPLETED,—upon a scale of magnitude, and with a degree of excellence, that are not equalled by the efforts of *any individuals* in any other country, or period, of the world. To preserve,—to enlarge, and extend it,—and to render it generally and unexceptionably beneficial,—ZEAL, ATTENTION, AND CO-OPERATION, will be re-

quired. But of that, the Proprietors need not despair. Less exertion will be necessary in its future conduct, than has been requisite to its first establishment. The attempt has been as arduous, as the object has been great and important:—not less than that of giving fashion to SCIENCE;—and of forming in this great metropolis, *a centre of philosophical and literary attraction*,—for supplying instruction to the *young*, and rational and satisfactory amusement to *mature life*; promising, at the same time, essential advantages to the public, and increase of resources to the country,—by new discoveries and improvements in *Arts and Manufactures*, and in the use and application of the *Mines*, and other subterraneous treasures of the British islands and their dominions,—and by the supply of *Science and Chemical Investigation*, to the cultivation of the soil, and in aid of the practical experience of agriculture.

April 29th, 1803.

WINCHILSEA.

DARTMOUTH.

SPENCER.

BESSBOROUGH.

S. DUNELM.

T. BERNARD.

S. GLASSE.

LIBRARY AND COLLECTION OF BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Royal Institution, April 14, 1803.

At a General Meeting of the Subscribers to the Library and Collection of Reference, held this Day, the following Address was approved, and ordered to be transmitted to the Proprietors and Subscribers, together with the Plan and Resolutions respecting the Library and Collection.

The original Managers of the Royal Institution in their *Prospectus*, pledged themselves to the public for the formation of a “*Library*,” comprehending “*the best treatises on the subjects for which this Institution is established, as well as those publications of Academies, and journals of repute, which exhibit the transactions of ingenious men in every part of the world.*”

The collection already formed, comprehending the most approved *periodical* works in science, foreign and domestic, will demonstrate that the Managers have not been inattentive to this interesting part of their engagements, notwithstanding the heavy expenditure which they were obliged to incur, for the necessary accommodation of the Proprietors and Subscribers in general, both in the extensive buildings which have been erected,

the purchase of an expensive scientific apparatus, and other contingencies connected with the first establishment of the Institution. To have carried more fully into effect the formation of a library, though strictly limited to the objects of its original establishment, would have pressed on the funds of the Institution to a greater extent than prudence could warrant.

In the Report of the Select Committee, addressed to the Managers and Visitors, on the 7th ultimo—"the supply and completion of the *Library*, and the forming of an *additional* Collection of Books, for the reference of scientific men, is recommended as one of the measures most likely to give permanency and stability to the Royal Institution."—To effectuate this desirable purpose is certainly not within the compass of the existing funds of the establishment.

A proposal was submitted to a committee of the Managers and Visitors of the Institution, on the 21st ultimo, comprehending the outline of a plan for the *immediate* completion of the library, with the addition of *another* Collection of Books of *Reference*, on an extended plan, without lessening the funds of the Institution; and several Proprietors, who had before largely contributed to the Library, in its infant state again testified their zeal by subscribing between *Three and Four Thousand Pounds*, on the basis of certain proposed Regulations, to be submitted to the approbation of the Managers, Visitors, and Proprietors at large, *in whom they propose to vest the proper-*

ty for the benefit of the Subscribers to the Institution in general, reserving to each subscriber of Fifty Pounds and upwards, the privilege of introducing or recommending some *one* scientific or literary person, to have access to the *Collection of Reference* only, for a limited Time.

The Committee of Managers and Visitors unanimously approved of this proposal, considering it as highly beneficial to the Institution; and authorized its circulation.

It is submitted that a still further extension of the objects of a *Collection of Books of Reference* may be made with advantage. The formation of such a collection by subscription was recently in the contemplation of an association of gentlemen in another place. As the arguments in favour of its establishment originated with a Proprietor of the Royal Institution, it may be allowable, on the present occasion, to advert to them.

“ When gentlemen (it was observed), either
“ as members of either house of parliament, or
“ in any other respect, individually or collec-
“ tively, are called upon to discuss and decide a
“ variety of important questions which arise, it
“ is found to be infinitely less difficult to ascertain
“ the measures proper to be adopted, than to
“ conduct the previous investigation of those
“ facts upon which their decision must necessari-
“ ly be established. To determine the past and
“ present states of the Population, the Manufac-
“ tures, the Commerce, of our Dominions; the
“ Quantities and Price of all the great and lead-

“ ing Articles of national produce; the local
“ Prosperity of Counties and Towns, with their
“ respective Branches of Industry; the Capital
“ and Revenues of the Country; the History
“ and Modifications of Taxes, Regulations,
“ Laws, and systematical Arrangements; the
“ Nature and Operations of the Administration
“ of the Government, with the History of its
“ Transactions, which include not only our do-
“ mestic, but our diplomatic and other foreign
“ relations;—these, and a most extensive varie-
“ ty of departments of research, will offer them-
“ selves to every gentleman who is desirous of
“ performing the high duties of his station with
“ intelligence and effect. But it will appear
“ scarcely credible, when it is affirmed, that, in
“ this great and powerful nation, raised and sup-
“ ported as it has been by its superior knowledge
“ and conduct in these respects, there is no li-
“ brary in which this invaluable body of know-
“ ledge is to be found; where the Laws of the
“ Country, the Journals of Parliament, the Re-
“ gisters of the Times, the best Histories, Maps,
“ Charts, Collections of Treaties, and other indis-
“ pensable Works, are collected and preserved.
“ Numerous indeed are the documents which
“ may even be considered as lost for want of some
“ regulation for this purpose. A very striking
“ instance may be offered with regard to the
“ committees of his Majesty’s Privy Council,
“ and of both the great Councils of the Nation,
“ which are from time to time appointed to in-

“ vestigate the most important national points.
“ These respectable bodies collect evidence, and
“ prepare reports, in productions of incalcula-
“ ble value, for their authenticity and deliberate
“ wisdom; and these reports are indeed printed,
“ and distributed to the members, but are in no
“ place publicly preserved! It would be in vain
“ to inquire for an accessible depository, where
“ the ‘ Reports on the Woods and Forests,—
“ on the Coinage,— on the Bank,—on the Pub-
“ lic Revenue,—or even on the Trade and inter-
“ course of the British Empire,’ are kept for con-
“ sultation.

“ To enter into a detail of the advantages of
“ such a library; to give an outline even of the
“ subjects, not to mention the works themselves,
“ would far exceed the limits of a short address.
“ It would necessarily contain every thing that
“ could give interest, information, and even
“ amusement.”

For these, and many other reasons, the enclosed Plan* is submitted for the formation of an *extended Collection of Books of Reference*; comprehending not only the best publications in practical Science, but a Library of general and authentic History, Political Economy, Finances, Topography, and such other Departments of Knowledge, as, upon a mature discussion of this subject, may be found most conducive to the great and valuable purposes here slightly enumerated.

* The Plan is now incorporated in the Bye-Laws: vide p. 47.

RESOLUTIONS,

ADOPTED 14th AND 20th APRIL, 1803.

I. That it is the desire of the Subscribers, that the foundation of the proposed new Collection may be laid on as broad a basis as possible; and that the plan may be so arranged as to promote the permanent interest of the Institution, and the public utility of the measure; and that therefore the subscriptions of Proprietors and Subscribers of the Institution, and of others, be solicited towards its establishment upon a great and extended scale.

II. That the proposed new Collection be so formed and arranged, as to be made extensively useful to the individuals of the united kingdom, and also to scientific persons of other nations.

III. That in the purchase of books, it is conceived, those printed before the year 1500, and the more expensive books of Natural History, ought not to be generally admitted, before the funds authorize the purchase of them without exclusion of other books of more general and common utility, and of less price.

IV. That certain heads or classes of collection be arranged; and Sub Committees of two or more Patrons be appointed for each class, to form lists of books, to an amount to be limited by the Committee of Patrons: such lists of books to specify the editions proposed, and their ordinary prices; and these Reports to be taken into consideration, at the next Meeting of the Committee of Patrons.

V. That, when such lists (with any alteration that may be adopted) shall have been approved, they be offered to the principal booksellers in the metropolis; who shall be desired to give in their proposals for their terms of supplying them, specifying the condition, and the time in which they are to be furnished, and the discount to be allowed for prompt payment; such books being always warranted to be perfect.

VI. That, if such proposal be agreed to by the Committee, the books be then examined by a Select Committee, before they are sent in; and be collated before they are placed in the library.

VII. That the following classes of books, in the proposed new Collection, be entered on the minutes for the consideration of the Subscribers.

—1. British History, Biography, Antiquities, and Topography.—2. Parliamentary History, Debates, and Reports.—3. Political Economy and Finance.—4. Military and Naval Affairs.—5. Modern Universal History.—6. Ancient Universal History.—7. Geography, Chronology, Voyages and Travels.—8. Canon, Civil, Statute, and Common Law.—9. Arts, Manufactures, and Trade.—10. Natural History, Agriculture, Gardening, and Botany.—11. Physic, Surgery, and Midwifery.—12. Chemistry.—13. Mathematics, Astronomy, and other Sciences.—14. Architecture, Sculpture, Painting, and Music.—15. Natural Philosophy.—16. Theology and Ecclesiastical History.—17. Greek and Roman Classics.—18. English, French, Italian, German, Spa-

nish, and other modern Classics.—19. Dictionaries, Grammars, Criticism, and Bibliography.—20. Miscellaneous.

VIII. That a book be left in the reading rooms for the insertion of the title of any work, to be recommended to the consideration of the Committee, as an object of purchase.

IX. That it be proposed to the consideration of the Managers, that the present Library on the parlour floor be first furnished with books, at an expense, to be defrayed by the subscription, not exceeding L.1000; and, in the next place, that the small lecture room (which is 14 feet high) be fitted up for the Collection of Books of Reference, with a gallery, at the height of 7 feet from the floor; so that every book may be within reach, either from the floor of the room, or from that of the gallery.

X. That it be also proposed to the consideration of the Managers, that, in case more room is wanted for the Collection of Reference, the floor over the small lecture room be perforated, and a third gallery of books be formed on that floor, and a skylight be introduced from above.

XI. That exertions be made in order that, if the plan be adopted and confirmed by the Proprietors, the new Collection may be opened at christmas next.

XII. That the EARL OF WINCHILSEA be elected CHIEF PATRON of the LIBRARY and COLLECTION. That EARL SPENCER be elected CHAIRMAN, and the BISHOP OF DURHAM, DE-

PUTY CHAIRMAN, of the PATRONS; and that SCROPE BERNARD, Esq. be elected TREASURER, and DR. CHARLES BURNEY, SECRETARY.

REGULATIONS,

ADOPTED 27th APRIL, 1803.

1. The President of the Royal Institution for the time being, shall (if an hereditary Patron, or Patron for life) be Chief Patron of the Library and Collection.
2. The business of the Patrons shall be conducted by a General Committee, consisting of the Chief Patron, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and other Patrons to be elected as aftermentioned.
3. A general meeting of the Patrons shall be held on the last Wednesday in April, in every year, at two o'clock precisely, to elect the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and other members of the General Committee, and to receive a Report of the Accounts and Transactions of the preceding year, and to consider the same.
4. Special meetings of the Patrons shall be held (with eight days previous notice at least) whenever the chief Patron, or General Committee shall think proper; or whenever seven of the Patrons shall require it, by notice addressed to the Chief Patron, or in his absence to the Chairman or Deputy Chairman.

5. In all general meetings of the Patrons, the Chief Patron shall take the chair, or in his absence, the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman; and in their absence the Treasurer, or one of the members of the Committee.

6. No general meeting shall be competent to business, unless seven members at least be present.

7. The meetings of the General Committee shall be on the last Wednesday of every month at two o'clock precisely, and shall be open to any of the Patrons who shall think proper to attend.

8. In the meetings of committees, the business shall be conducted by the Chairman, or in his absence, by the Deputy Chairman, or in his absence, by the Treasurer, or one of the Committee.

9. No meeting of the General Committee shall be competent to business, unless three members at least be present.

10. Special meetings of the General Committee shall be held with three days previous notice at least, whenever the Chairman, or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman, shall think proper.

11. The General Committee shall appoint Sub-Committees for forming lists of books of the several classes, and for any other part of their business; which Sub-Committees shall make their reports to the monthly meetings.

12. Subscriptions to the Library and Collection shall be received on account of the library and collection at the following bankers; where

the subscription of each individual shall be specified.—MESSRS. HOARE, Fleet Street.—MESSRS. COUTTS AND CO., STRAND.—MESSRS. RANSOM, MORLAND, AND CO., Pall Mall.—And MESSRS. DOWN, THORNTON, AND CO., Bartholomew Lane.

13. No monies shall be drawn from the bankers, but by order of the General Committee, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Meeting, and countersigned by the Treasurer.

14. A state of the balances at the bankers shall be laid on the table at the general meetings of the Patrons, and at the monthly meetings of the General Committee; and whenever there is a surplus, for which no immediate demand occurs, it shall be placed in floating or permanent public securities, by order of the General Committee.

15. The minutes of the general meetings and of the meetings of the General Committee, and the accounts of all receipts and payments in respect of the Library and Collection, shall be laid on the table at the general meeting of the Patrons, and at the monthly meetings of the Committee, and shall be open to the inspection of all the Patrons.

16. When upon any question the numbers are equal, the Chairman shall have a double or casting voice.

17. In case at any time fixed for a general meeting, there shall not be seven members present, or at any time fixed for a meeting of the

General Committee, there shall not be three members present, the member or members present may adjourn the meeting (if he or they shall think fit) for any time, so as eight days notice at least be given to the other Patrons in case of an adjourned general meeting, and so as three days notice at least be given to the other members of the General Committee, in case of an adjourned meeting of the Committee.

At a Meeting of the General Committee of the Patrons of the Library and Collection of Reference of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, held at the House of the Institution, on the 29th Day of June, 1803,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

That the following Noblemen and Gentlemen, members of the Committee of Patrons, be requested to direct the preparing of Lists of such Books, as they may think proper to recommend to be purchased, in the several classes enumerated in the 7th of the Resolutions, adopted the 14th and 20th of April, 1803; and that they employ Mr. Harris, the Collector and Arranger of the proposed Library and Collection, in preparing and arranging, and in prizing such lists under their direction.

1. British History, Biography, { The Earl of Winchilsea.
Antiquities, and Topography. { Scrope Bernard, Esq.
2. Parliamentary History, De- { The Earl of Dartmouth.
bates, and Reports. { Sir John Cox Hippisley, Bart.
3. Political Economy and Fi- { The Rt. Hon. Lord Kinnaird.
nance. { Thomas Bernard, Esq.
4. Military and Naval Affairs. { The Earl of Bridgewater.
Major General Patrick Ross.
5. Modern Universal History. { The Earl of Egremont.
John Penn, Esq.
6. Ancient Universal History. { The Earl Gower.
William Wilberforce, Esq.
7. Geography, Chronology, { Alexander Davison, Esq.
Voyages, and Travels. { William Dunlop, Esq.
8. Canon, Civil, Statute, and { Sir John Cox Hippisley, Bart.
Common Law. { Scrope Bernard, Esq.
9. Arts, Manufactures, and { Samuel Thornton, Esq.
Trade. { Claude Scott, Esq.
Thomas Woodrouffe Smith, Esq.
10. Natural History, Agricul- { The Earl of Dartmouth.
ture, Gardening, and Bo- { The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Banks,
tany. { Bart.
11. Physic, Surgery, and Mid- { Peter Denys, Esq.
wifery. { Scrope Bernard, Esq.
12. Chemistry. { Richard Joseph Sullivan, Esq.
Charles Pieschell, Esq.
13. Mathematics, Astronomy, { Charles Dickinson, Esq.
and other Sciences. { Daniel Moore, Esq.
14. Architecture, Sculpture, { John Julius Angerstein, Esq.
Painting, and Music. { Henry Hope, Esq.
15. Natural Philosophy. { John Penn, Esq.
David Pike Watts, Esq.
16. Theology and Ecclesiasti- { The Lord Bishop of Durham.
cal History. { Dr. Charles Burney.
17. Greek and Roman Classics. { The Earl Spencer.
Dr. Charles Burney.
18. English, French, Italian, { The Earl Spencer.
German, Spanish, and other { Henry Hoare, Esq.
modern Classics. { Roger Wilbraham, Esq.
Richard Thompson, Esq.

19. Dictionaries, Grammars, Criticism, and Bibliography. { Charles Marsh, Esq.
Richard Joseph Sullivan, Esq.
Dr. Charles Burney.

20. Miscellaneous. { Sir Francis Baring, Bart.
Timothy Brent, Esq.
William Wynch, Esq.
Thomas Bernard, Esq.
Dr. Charles Burney.

RESOLVED,

That the said Sub-Committees be requested to have their respective Lists prepared, so as that the same may be referred to a Select Committee, and be reported upon to the monthly meeting of the Patrons in the last week of next October; and that the Report of that Committee and the order for the supply of the books, by the several Booksellers, may be issued at the monthly meeting at the end of November.

RESOLVED,

That the members of the Sub-Committees be informed, that Mr. Harris will attend at the Royal Institution every Wednesday and Friday, from twelve o'clock to three, to give his assistance, and take their directions with regard to the preparing of their respective lists.

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